

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on April 1, 2009 at 3:08
P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 629, 3/27/2009; SJ 34, 3/30/2009

Executive Action: HB 459, HB 577

HEARING ON SJ 34

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:38 Sen. Carol Juneau (D), SD 8, opened the hearing on SJ 34, Study educational achievement.

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds72a01)

00:02:03 Sen. Ripley entered the hearing.

00:04:50 Sen. Brown entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:36 Rep. Cheryl Steenson

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds72a02)

00:12:47 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds72a03)

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds72a04)

00:15:56 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT

00:16:37 Lynda Brannon, Indian Impact Schools of Montana

00:18:18 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:20:42 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:22:36 Darrell Rud, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:25:42 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:59 Sen. Branae

00:27:31 Sen. Juneau

00:30:27 Sen. McGee

00:31:00 Sen. Juneau

00:31:45 Sen. McGee

00:31:52 Sen. Juneau

00:32:20 Sen. McGee

00:32:34 Sen. Juneau

00:32:54 Sen. McGee

00:33:22 Sen. Juneau

00:33:41 Sen. McGee

00:34:03 Sen. Juneau

00:34:17 Sen. McGee

00:34:22 Sen. Juneau
00:38:10 Sen. Zinke
00:38:54 Sen. Juneau
00:41:31 Sen. Brown
00:42:39 Sen. Juneau
00:43:47 Sen. Brown
00:44:08 Sen. Juneau
00:44:40 Sen. Brown
00:46:18 Chairman Laible
00:46:23 Sen. Juneau
00:46:53 Sen. Ripley
00:47:29 Sen. Juneau
00:47:36 Sen. Ripley
00:47:49 Sen. Juneau
00:48:27 Sen. Ripley
00:48:30 Sen. Juneau
00:48:35 Chairman Laible
00:48:47 Sen. Hawks
00:49:34 Sen. Juneau
00:49:47 Sen. Hawks
00:50:15 Sen. Juneau
00:50:55 Chairman Laible
00:52:30 Sen. Juneau
00:53:04 Chairman Laible
00:53:06 Sen. Juneau

Closing by Sponsor: None

HEARING ON HB 629

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:53:39 Rep. Bill Glaser (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 629, Revise distribution of certain school revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:26 Bob Vogel
01:01:57 Dave Puyear
01:04:19 Darrell Rud

Opponents' Testimony:

01:04:45 Amy Carlson, Governor's Office

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:17 Sen. Ripley
 01:06:45 Bob Vogel
 01:07:44 Sen. Ripley
 01:07:51 Chairman Laible
 01:07:55 Sen. Ripley
 01:08:15 Casey Barrs
 01:08:22 Chairman Laible
 01:08:29 Sen. Zinke
 01:09:01 Bob Vogel
 01:09:51 Sen. Hawks
 01:11:16 Amy Carlson
 01:12:03 Sen. Hawks
 01:13:05 Amy Carlson
 01:13:14 Sen. Hawks
 01:13:25 Rep. Glaser
 01:13:29 Sen. Hawks
 01:14:21 Rep. Glaser
 01:15:54 Sen. Hawks
 01:16:32 Rep. Glaser
 01:17:34 Chairman Laible
 01:17:52 Sen. Brown
 01:18:28 Amy Carlson
 01:18:46 Sen. Brown
 01:18:57 Amy Carlson
 01:20:27 Sen. Hamlett
 01:20:36 Sen Laible
 01:20:40 Sen. Hamlett
 01:21:07 Rep. Glaser
 01:21:13 Sen. Hamlett
 01:22:19 Rep. Glaser
 01:24:48 Chairman Laible
 01:25:10 Sen. Hamlett
 01:25:17 Chairman Laible

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:45 Rep. Glaser

DISCUSSION ON HB 611 AND 629

01:32:57 Casey Barrs
 01:35:26 Chairman Laible
 01:35:50 Sen. McGee
 01:35:52 Chairman Laible
 01:35:58 Sen. McGee
 01:36:22 Chairman Laible
 01:37:29 Sen. Zinke
 01:38:37 Sen. McGee

01:38:50 Chairman Laible

01:38:57 Sen. McGee

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 459

01:39:14 **Motion:** Sen. Zinke moved that **HB 459 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:43:13 Sen. Branae

01:44:13 Chairman Laible

01:44:18 Roberta Evans, University of Montana

01:45:25 Sen. Ripley

01:45:55 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:48:04 Sen. Hawks

01:49:15 Chairman Laible

01:49:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke withdrew his original motion on the bill and moved that HB 459 be referred to Finance and Claims.

01:50:04 Sen. McGee

01:51:01 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 577

01:51:31 **Motion:** Sen. Zinke moved that **HB 577 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:51:43 Sen. McGee

01:52:18 Chairman Laible

01:52:23 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. McGee moved that **HB 577 BE TABLED. MOTION CARRIED** 5-4 by roll call vote with Sens. Branae, Hamlett, Hawks, and Stewart-Peregoy voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds72aad.pdf](#))